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From: Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/5/2018 6:11:04 PM
To: Benevento, Douglas [benevento.douglas@epa.gov]; Garvey, Megan [garvey.megan@epa.gov]; Smidinger, Betsy [Smidinger.Betsy@epa.gov]; Vranka, Joe [vranka.joe@epa.gov]; Mylott, Richard [Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]; Faulk, Libby [Faulk.Libby@epa.gov]; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa [Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]; Thomas, Deb [thomas.debrah@epa.gov]; Ostendorf, Jody [ostendorf.jody@epa.gov]; Coleman, Charles [COleman.Charles@epa.gov]; Stavnes, Sandra [Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov]; Wardell, Christopher [Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: ATSDR to offer free blood lead and urine arsenic tests in Anaconda, MT

Passing along for awareness.

Andrew

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Partridge, Charles" <Partridge.Charles@epa.gov>
Date: September 5, 2018 at 12:06:07 PM MDT
To: "Mutter, Andrew" <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: ATSDR to offer free blood lead and urine arsenic tests in Anaconda, MT

Andrew,

Could you please share this with Doug?

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From: Dorian, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 11:38 AM
To: Partridge, Charles <Partridge.Charles@epa.gov>; Coleman, Charles <COleman.Charles@epa.gov>; Wall, Dan <wall.dan@epa.gov>; Vranka, Joe <vranka.joe@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: ATSDR to offer free blood lead and urine arsenic tests in Anaconda, MT

FYI...press release has hit the street.

Charlie P, looks like Karen decided to extend testing through Monday (a good idea we tossed around). . . but Doug's briefing says through Sunday.

Charlie C, cmon down to Anaconda and say hello! I won't stick a needle in your arm.

Best,
David

From: Environmental Health Media (CDC) [<mailto:envhealthmedia@cdc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Anaconda Leader <leadernews@anacondaleader.com>; Montana Standard <editor@mtstandard.com>; Nora Saks - Montana Public Radio <nrv.saks@gmail.com>; Susan Dunlap - The Montana Standard <susan.dunlap@mtstandard.com>
Subject: ATSDR to offer free blood lead and urine arsenic tests in Anaconda, MT



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MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

ATSDR to offer free blood lead and urine arsenic tests in Anaconda, MT

ATLANTA, GA – The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) will provide free testing for lead in blood and arsenic in urine for all residents in the Anaconda, Montana area as part of its Exposure Investigation (EI). Based on past smelting activities, the Anaconda smelter contaminated soils in the area with heavy metals. In 1983, the site was placed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund National Priority List (NPL).

The EI will help ATSDR determine if area residents have elevated levels of lead in their blood or arsenic in their urine indicating they may have been exposed to contaminated soil in the Anaconda community. A questionnaire will be administered to approximately 200 residents that will provide information on how people may be exposed where they live, work, or spend leisure time.

When:

Friday, September 14 through Sunday, September 16, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 17, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where:

Anaconda Community Service Center – 3rd Floor

118 East 7th Street

Anaconda, MT

In May 2018, residents met with ATSDR staff and other public health and environmental agencies at a public meeting to share health concerns they believe are related to lead and arsenic exposure. In July, ATSDR held a second public meeting and informed the community about the planned Exposure Investigation.

Lead exposure can cause learning and behavior problems in children and potential adverse effects on the developing child in pregnant women. Long-term exposure to arsenic can lead to skin conditions and circulatory and nervous system problems. Arsenic exposure over many years may also increase the risk of cancer of the skin, bladder, lung, and liver.

For more information about the Anaconda Copper Smelter Superfund Site, contact David Dorian, ATSDR Region 8 at (303) 312-7011 and Ddorian@cdc.gov or CDC-INFO at 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636) or information about ATSDR visit www.atsdr.cdc.gov.

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ATSDR, a federal public health agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, evaluates the potential for adverse human health effects of exposure to hazardous substances in the environment.